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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IWG

FROM: Acting Chairman, IWG

SUBJECT: Utilization of Soviet Bloc Merchant Shipping Intelligence by
the United States Coast Guard

1) The ONI member of the IWG, with the approval of the United States Coast Guard, submits for the information of IWG members a description of the manner in which the Coast Guard utilizes Soviet Bloc merchant shipping intelligence, collated in ONI, in the enforcement of United States shipping regulations.

2) The attached document is substituted for, and supersedes, Document IWG/D-2, 2 October 1952, originally submitted.

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Coast Guard

1. In order to facilitate the enforcement of US regulations with respect to Soviet Bloc-controlled vessels, which may call at US installations, appropriate operations memoranda are issued by the United States Coast Guard at irregular intervals. The most recent issue is Operations Memorandum No. 47-52, 24 July 1952 (Confidential), entitled TREATMENT OF SOVIET OR SATELLITE CHARTERED VESSELS AND MERCHANT VESSELS TRADING WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC. Attached to this memorandum are lists of vessels chartered to the Bloc and lists of all vessels reliably reported to have called recently behind the Soviet Bloc. These vessels are given special treatment as specified in Commandant's Memorandum No. 5-51, paragraph 3 (q) Appendix I.

2. The lists of vessels attached to the aforementioned Coast Guard Operations Memorandum No. 47-52 illustrate one of many applications which merchant shipping intelligence, collated in ONI, has found in the various agencies of the US Government. The material for these ship lists was compiled chiefly from the following ONI reports, which are issued on a monthly basis:

- (a) NON-COMMUNIST REGISTERED MERCHANT SHIPPING TRADING WITH THE SOVIET BLOC IN THE FAR EAST; and
- (b) NON-COMMUNIST REGISTERED MERCHANT SHIPPING TRADING WITH THE SOVIET BLOC IN EUROPE.

Information on revisions or corrections in these ONI reports, or on reports in preparation, may be obtained through IWG channels.

3. In ONI notices, the Coast Guard operations memoranda are regularly brought to the attention of all naval commands in order to coordinate Coast Guard action particularly with the NIRM-2 reporting program.

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